

Amendment No. 1 to SB3356

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3356

House Bill No. 2685*

by adding the following language immediately preceding the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, The legislative parking garage is heated at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, Such expenses should be examined to ensure that the cost benefit is worth the considerable expense ; and

WHEREAS, Public funds should be watched carefully to ensure that no unnecessary expenses are made; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the cost benefits of heating the legislative parking garage.

SECTION 2. An engineering report shall be obtained determining the costs in relation to the benefits of heating the legislative parking garage. Such report shall also include the fiscal savings in reducing the temperature of such garage to a minimum level to prevent freezing or damage to any infrastructure. Such report shall also review the costs of separating the heating system for the legislative parking garage from the heating system for the Legislative Plaza and/or War Memorial Building and any financial savings from such separation. If the heating systems are separated, the report shall determine the cost savings in reducing the temperatures in the legislative parking garage.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 7. The special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly no later than February 5, 2007, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.